

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Advanced Composites Group, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 5350 S 129th E Avenue, Tulsa, OK, 74134.

Description of Request: Provide an appropriations earmark of \$800,000 for the Lightweight Composite Structure Development for Aerospace Vehicles. The Advanced Composites Group, Tulsa is currently investing approximately \$200,000 annually in R&D out of autoclave technology. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Defense, Research, Development Test and Evaluation, Navy account. The funding will be used to develop composite structural prototypes for the CH-35K and other Navy designated aircraft.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638—Making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

Account: Research, Development Test and Evaluation, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: L-3 Com Aeromet.

Address of Requesting Entity: 112 Beech Drive, Riverside Jones Airport, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74132.

Description of Request: Provide an appropriations earmark of \$800,000 for the Airborne Infrared Surveillance (AIRS) System. This funding will be provided to the Missile Defense Agency (MDA) for its use in developing AIRS. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Department of Defense, Research, Development Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide account. The funding will be used to develop a terrestrial based airborne infrared capability of medium range and long range missile threats to the United States and our allies.

#### RECOGNIZING HUSSON COLLEGE'S TRANSITION TO UNIVERSITY- STATUS

#### HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2008*

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an important Maine institution and a bold step it is taking into the future. On October 11th, Husson College will become Husson University, a transition that marks a significant point in this school's history and its continued and growing contributions to the region and the State of Maine.

Located in Bangor, Maine, Husson College has, for over 100 years, offered students an opportunity to develop the skills and the kind of innovative thinking that has allowed them to succeed. With over 20 academic disciplines, from degrees in business and psychology to certificates in paralegal work and boatbuilding—a skill of vital importance to Maine—Husson has offered the classroom and experiential learning resources our students and State need to compete.

With this transition, Husson will be able to expand upon their current program, continuing to improve their ability serve students from Maine, the rest of the country, and the world. I congratulate President William Beardsley for his steadfast stewardship of the University as it grows to meet these new opportunities for Husson and thank him for the tremendous

graduates his institution is producing for our State and Nation.

The key to America's continuing competitiveness in this world is having citizens of exceptional skills, who can respond in innovative ways to the challenges America faces. Husson has always offered this kind of education, and will continue to do so well into the future.

#### IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH LEGISLATION

#### HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2008*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of a number of bipartisan public health bills to come before this body. These bills are the products of the Energy and Commerce Committee, where my colleagues and I are working hard to improve the overall health and well being of all Americans.

I am especially pleased that we will finally pass H.R. 1014, the Heart Disease Education, Analysis Research, and Treatment for Women Act, introduced by my friend Congresswoman LOIS CAPPs. Close to 40,000 people in Illinois die annually of heart disease and it is the leading cause of death in my state. More people in Illinois die of heart disease than from cancer, unintentional injuries, lung disease, pneumonia, the flu and diabetes combined. It is imperative that we start making connections between diseases and drugs, devices, and biologicals. We also need to continue to raise awareness about this disease and identify concrete ways to prevent women from becoming victims. The HEART Act starts us down that path.

I also want to highlight and express my support for H.R. 1532, the Comprehensive Tuberculosis Elimination Act. We know that TB kills approximately 2 million people annually and is a common cause of death among the roughly 3 million people infected with the AIDS virus who die each year. Although the United States has been able to reduce the incidence of the disease, we still must take an active role in eradicating TB nationally and internationally through increased funding for research, public education and treatment programs.

Similarly, it is time that we passed H.R. 758, the Breast Cancer and Environmental Research Act. I have cosponsored this critical legislation since coming to Congress in 1999, and I am thrilled to finally see it considered on the floor. Although we've made great strides in the areas of breast cancer research, treatment and outcomes, there are still over 43,000 women who die each year from the disease.

Finally, after debating this critical issue for many years, we are on the verge of finally enacting comprehensive mental health parity legislation. I have not held a health care meeting in my district without the issue of access to mental health care being brought up by constituents who have faced discrimination or difficulty obtaining affordable care. This was a top priority of Paul Wellstone, and I want to pay tribute to him today. Paul Wellstone, Paul and Sheila, his wife, were friends of mine. They were both leaders in ending discrimination and in making sure that every person in our nation has access to affordable, comprehensive health care—including comprehen-

sive mental health and substance abuse services. I'm proud that we are continuing Senator Wellstone's legacy by passing a bill that guarantees equal access to mental health and substance abuse treatment. I also want to thank Representatives PATRICK KENNEDY and JIM RAMSTAD for their persistence and passion in passing the Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act.

It is hard to overstate the importance of increasing public health resources for research, public education and treatment. Our public health workforce is being stretched to its breaking point—and multiple natural disasters have only exacerbated the problem. I hope that we will continue our efforts to improve public health and meet this growing demand in the next Congress.

I urge all of my colleagues to strongly support these bills.

#### “REAL” ACT

#### HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2008*

Mr. SHAYS. Madam Speaker, I believe a comprehensive approach to sex education that provides information about abstinence and contraceptives helps reduce unwanted pregnancy, abortion, and the contraction of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and AIDS.

As our kids are learning about their health, and how their behavior affects it, it's important they have all the facts. The extraordinary number of teen pregnancies and growing rate of STI transmission among teens underscores the necessity of comprehensive sexual education. They need to be taught about both abstinence and contraception.

Congress has spent more than \$1.5 billion on abstinence-only programs, which deny teenagers medically accurate, lifesaving information about birth control and STIs. My home State of Connecticut is one of 17 States that reject Title V Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Funding, because Connecticut recognizes what many of us already know: abstinence-only programs do not work. The way to protect our children is not to restrict information vital to their health.

I am grateful to have partnered with Congresswoman BARBARA LEE in introducing the Responsible Education About Life, or “REAL” Act, a bill that would authorize federal funds for States to offer comprehensive and medically accurate sex education in their schools. This legislation would provide funding for States to offer family life education, including education on abstinence and contraception, to prevent teenage pregnancy and STIs.

People all over the country are demanding comprehensive sex education to keep our youth healthy and safe. That is why I support organizations like Planned Parenthood and other Title X family health providers. These organizations sponsor grassroots events all around the country to raise awareness about the need for comprehensive sex education and I applaud their good work.